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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 30, 1995 OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Sir:**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued June 30, 1995 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 30, 1995 Office Action was due September 30, 1995. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time for filing a response to the June 30, 1995 Office Action. A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the three month extension of time fee for a small entity. Applicants' status as a small entity was previously established. Accordingly, a response is now due December 30, 1995. However, since December 30, 1995 fell on a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, namely, Tuesday, January 2, 1996, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.